ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN,

Overseer of Poor & School Committee

OF THE TOWN OF

GILFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

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TREASURER'S AND SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

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Received from cash in treasury March 1st, 1882		$3628 71
"	Savings Bank tax	2310 88
"	Railroad tax	892 90
"	Literary money from State	185 38
"	" " Town	33 60
"	License on billiard tables	4 50
"	the sale of old bridge lumber	60 38
"	S. S. Ayer, collector 1882	18,316 10
"	" Abatements 1882	303 90
"	R. H. Sanborn, collector 1881	483 00
"	" Abatements 1881 book	81 65
"	" " 1880 "	23 19
"	" " 1879 "	25 07
"	" cash 1879 book	4 04
"	" Abatement 1878 book	6 53
"	S. S. Ayer, cash on abatements 1882	2 45
		$26,362 28

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SCHOOL ORDERS.

School District No. 1	$106 09	
" " 2	59 19	
" " 3	88 73	
" " 4	63 36	
" " 5	132 39	
" " 6	93 29	
" " 7	108 91	
" " 8	191 52	
" " 9	136 44	
" " 10	134 83	
" " 11	52 53	
" " 12	116 34	
" " 13	1933 40	
		$3217 02

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

By paid State tax	$2584 00	
County tax	3884 08	
		$6468 08

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES.

By paid District No. 3	$195 00	
" 13	100 00	
		$295 00

FIRE DISTRICT TAXES.

By paid balance tax of 1881	$225 00	
" " 1882	1075 00	
		$1300 00

MINISTERIAL AND LITERARY FUND.

By paid interest on Ministerial fund	$48 00	
" Literary "	33 60	
Services of treasurer	1 00	
		$82 60

FIREMEN.

By paid Niagara Co. No. 1	$500 00	
" " 5	500 00	
Hook and Ladder	200 00	
Board of Engineers	50 00	
		$1250 00

STREET LIGHTS.

By paid A. H. Davis, care of lamps	$84 00	
H. S. Curtis "	101 00	
W. H. Smith "	19 00	
Freight on gasoline	7 90	
U. S. Street Lighting Co., for gasoline	51 66	
Arthur Tucker, supplies	37 84	
Geo. L. Sleeper & Co., supplies	3 95	
Dow & Sanborn, "	18 03	
John H. Dow, " 1881	4 14	
E. D. Ward, repairs	9 20	
H. E. Brawn, "	8 62	
		$345 34

OVERSEER OF POOR.

By paid Benjamin Wadley, pauper account.....		$625 93

TOWN NOTES.

By paid Hannah Munsey.....	$100 00	
John P. Smith	6 00	
Sarah Veazie	63 48	
Sophronia Bartlett.....	35 00	
Rebecca Jewett	125 00	
S. A. Hoskins	673 48	
		$1002 96

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

By paid S. S. Ayer.....	$4 00	
A. Rogers	5 50	
J. F. Follett	9 00	
Isaac Morrill	21 00	
Jewell Gove	19 00	
J. H. Davis.....	7 00	
J. S. Batchelder.....	5 00	
Benjamin Weeks.....	8 00	
E. M. Brown.....	11 00	
		$89 50

LEGAL SERVICES.

By paid E. A. Hibbard, Pickering case.....	$65 00	
Tappan, Albin & Co., counsel	5 00	
S. C. Clark. counsel.....	17 00	
" Pickering case	50 00	
		$137 00

POLICE SERVICE.

By paid S. Whiting	$13 25	
H. M. Whiteman.....	4 00	
G. W. Dearborn..... ...	4 00	
G. W. Hicks.....	16 50	
" truant officer.....	6 00	
R. R. Phillips, special police.....	300 00	
		$343 75

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

By paid	W. H. Weeks, Gully road	$189 30	
	R. Boyle, culvert	3 09	
	W. M. Potter, bridge	30 13	
	H. Gray, covering stone	43 82	
	H. L. Carr, stone post	1 75	
	Levi Gove, lumber	26 70	
	T. E. Hunt, covering stone	6 75	
	H. S. Curtis, "	49 39	
	Mrs. Judith Weeks, gravel	5 63	
	O. Lizart, gravel	4 50	
	John Nichols, gravel	1 70	
	John Leavitt, culvert, 1881	5 00	
	John J. Morrill, lumber and tan	5 86	
	C. W. Leavitt, culvert	20 67	
	Gust A. Copp, lumber	38 90	
	H. F. Batchelder, culvert	7 55	
	H. S. Curtis, sewer on Clinton street	73 46	
	D. H. Rowe and heirs of M. K. Rowe, damage to fields in 1881 and 1882	10 00	
	O. Goss, labor, 1881	7 00	
	Levi Chesley, labor, 1880–81–82	9 72	
	Thomas L. Leavitt, labor, 1881	1 25	
			$542 17
	John Q. Merrill, labor and cash paid out on bridges at Lake Village	$334 45	
	Sleeper & Ames, lumber for bridges at Lake Village	389 64	
	J. J. Sanborn, labor and stone for bridges at Lake Village	103 25	
	S. S. Ayer, labor on bridges at Lake Vil.	29 25	
	J. Downing, " " "	6 50	
	H. O. Heywood, " " "	75 40	
	H. Gray and cattle, " "	86 31	
	J. R. Gray, labor " "	34 87	
	J. E. Page	2 50	

By paid G. L. Sleeper & Co., spikes and nails for Lake Village bridges.....	63 55	
J. J. Whitten, painting Lake Vil. bridges..	15 30	
E. S. Smart, paints " " ..	17 70	
C. E. Buzzell, labor " " ..	10 13	
A. H. Davis, " etc " " ..	5 55	
Gust A. Copp " " ..	12 48	
C. F. Brown, labor " " ..	5 47	
S. W. Sanders, Akron pipe " ..	4 12	
		$1196 47
B. H. Whittier, stone and labor, 1881.....	$3 40	
C. D. Robie & Co., stone, 1878–79.....	6 10	
		$9 50
J. J. Sanborn, labor and material on Weirs bridge in full to March 1, 1883.....		$1877 51
		$3625 65

BREAKING ROADS WINTER OF 1881–82.

Dist. No. 1, By paid	J. C. Frohock.....	$3 57
2,	R. C. Morrill.....	9 92
4,	J. P. Leavitt....	6 88
5,	J. L. Frohock	2 00
6,	W. W. Watson....	3 86
7,	S. A. Smith.....	3 12
8,	C. H. Flanders.....	1 88
9,	C. W. Leavitt.....	8 12
11,	F. P. Rand.....	3 80
12,	S. L. Sargent.....	1 94
13,	H. F. Hunt	2 79
14,	O. H. Weeks.....	9 53
17,	W. S. Hoyt.....	6 73
19,	D. H. Rowe.....	2 65
20,	A. C. James.....	23 85
21,	Charles Collins.....	2 04
22,	J. A. Jewett.....	6 13
23,	B. Q. Jewett	4 82
25,	S. H. Blaisdell.....	2 93

Dist. No. 26,	By paid A. B. Dockham	9 04	
29,	N. S. Davis	7 52	
30,	S. Rowe	5 13	
31,	C. E. Moulton	54 78	
33,	Henry Bean	1 84	
34,	Richard Boyle	4 62	
35,	A. C. Badger	45 98	
36,	H. F. Batchelder	2 47	
37,	Levi Gove	2 88	
38,	George O. Davis	2 25	
			$243 07

HIGHWAYS, SUMMER OF 1882.

Dist. No. 1,	By paid T. C. Frohock	$38 00
2,	B. Glidden	38 66
3,	J. C. Morrill	20 70
4,	J. A. Leavitt	27 70
5,	J. L. Frohock	14 25
6,	H. L. Carr	13 58
7,	W. M. Potter	22 77
8,	C. H. Flanders	5 90
9,	C. W. Leavitt	28 70
10,	G. W. Sanders	18 24
11,	George W. Leavitt	13 90
12,	F. M. Gilman	26 43
13,	George W. Munsey	64 71
14,	F. O. Sanborn	43 02
15,	J. M. Weeks	22 65
16,	George W. Farrar	20 90
17,	W. S. Hoyt	20 30
18,	Thomas Weeks	34 15
19,	H. P. Weeks	58 32
20,	E. S. George	17 60
21,	A. D. White	13 00
22,	F. J. Collins	32 79
23,	G. E. Sanborn	25 39
24,	J. Gove	47 45

Dist. No,	25,	By paid M. Kimball	$26 25	
	26,	George W. Sanborn	31 00	
	27,	S. W. Prescott	91 00	
	28,	P. W. Merrill	72 65	
	29,	J. H. Davis	48 77	
	30,	J. Q. Merrill	249 08	
	31,	H. S. Curtis	596 33	
	32,	A. M. Thyng	4 50	
	33,	D. T. Leavitt	11 20	
	34,	R. Boyle and A. D. Bean	42 15	
	35,	H. Gray	514 05	
	36,	H. F. Batchelder	15 80	
	37,	C. H. Gove	28 80	
	38,	George O. Davis	13 54	
				$2414 23

BREAKING ROADS WINTER OF 1882–83.

Dist. No.	1,	By paid T. C. Frohock	$87 82
	2,	B. Glidden	150 16
	3,	J. C. Morrill	69 30
	4,	J. A. Leavitt	55 20
	5,	J. L. Frohock	25 65
	6,	H. L. Carr	57 58
	7,	W. M. Potter	16 20
	8,	C. H. Flanders	29 30
	9,	C. W. Leavitt	81 57
	10,	G. W. Sanders	21 45
	11,	G. W. Leavitt	24 12
	12,	F. M. Gilman	23 00
	13,	Geo. W. Munsey	10 26
	14,	F. O. Sanborn	85 89
	15,	J. M. Weeks	71 47
	16,	George W. Farrar	44 78
	17,	W. S. Hoyt	18 37
	18,	Thomas Weeks	38 46
	19,	H. B. Weeks	29 84
	20,	E. S. George	37 54

Dist. No. 21,	By paid A. D. White	$4 81	
22,	F. A. Collins	24 63	
23,	George E. Sanborn	37 95	
24,	J. Gove	41 95	
25,	M. Kimball	31 39	
26,	G. W. Sanborn	64 94	
27,	S. W. Prescott	69 56	
28,	P. W. Merrill	45 14	
29,	J. H. Davis	25 72	
30.	J. Q. Merrill	60 95	
31,	H. S. Curtis	112 76	
32,	A. M. Thyng	7 80	
33,	D. T. Leavitt	24 12	
34,	A. D. Bean	14 37	
35,	H. Gray	69 93	
36,	H. F. Batchelder	67 48	
37,	C. H. Gove	34 52	
38,	George O. Davis	36 58	
			$1752 56

TOWN OFFICERS.

By paid Thomas Weeks, Auditor, 1881	$3 00
George L. Sleeper, " "	3 00
Jewell Gove " "	3 00
James D. Sanborn, Supervisor, 1881	27 50
E. A. Badger, " "	27 50
Joseph C. Morrill, " "	34 00
L. B. Pulsifer, Selectman balance of 1881	13 98
Geo. W. Morrill, " "	18 00
C. H. Sleeper " "	23 00
J. C. French, Health Officer, 1881	8 00
B. F. Peaslee, Fish Warden, 1880–81	50 00
J. B. Hendley, Board of Education, 1881	60 00
" " " 1882	90 00
R. D. Buzzell, Health Officer, 1882	5 75
" Fish Warden, "	14 00
E. D. Ward, Treasurer "	60 00

By paid	Benjamin Wadley, 1882	$73 00	
	D. H. Rowe, School Committee,"	70 93	
	H. O. Bugbee, Town Clerk and fees, 1882	84 77	
	George W. Morrill, Selectman, "	157 00	
	John Aldrich, " "	143 50	
	F. M. Rollins, " "	125 00	
			$1094 93

DAMAGES ON HIGHWAYS.

By paid	Geo. V. Pickering, injured 1881.....	$150 00	
	A. H. Pitman, " "	5 00	
	Julia A. Twombly " "	300 00	
	Arthur Tucker " "	8 50	
	Judith Elkins " 1882...	150 00	
			$613 50

ABATEMENTS.

By paid	R. H. Sanborn's book, 1878, closed.....	$6 53	
	" " 1879, "	25 07	
	" " 1880	23 19	
	" " 1881	81 65	
	S. S. Ayer, " 1882	303 90	
			$440 34

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

By paid	G. H. H. Silsby & Sons, stationery.. ...	$12 63
	J. M. Ward, "	1 45
	G. Cook & Son, office furniture.....	15 20
	Mansur & Knight, office chairs	6 00
	George W. Morrill, bounty on crows	10 90
	S. L. Goss, shingling town house	20 25
	Gust A. Copp, shingle for town house....	34 87
	Amos L. Rollins, referee.....	20 00
	Ebenezer Stevens, ref. Judith Elkins case.	11 00
	Thomas Ham, services Pickering case...	10 00
	J. Aldrich, land damage.....	6 00
	Rhoda M. Smith, land damage	100 00
	C. E. Buzzell "	1 00
	F. S. Mudgett "	4 00
	W. H. Buzzell, "	1 00

By paid Mrs. L. C. Mudgett land damage.....	4 00		
Patrick Kelley, "	5 00		
W. L. C. & W. Mfg. Co., land damage ..	1 00		
Dr. O. Goss, certs. deaths and births.....	13 00		
Dr. D. F. Moore, " "	7 25		
D. B. Eaton, surveying.....	2 00		
C. L. Pulcifer, clerical services	9 00		
George W. Morrill, 1881–82.	57 00		
M. A. Haynes, printing	62 50		
W. L. C. & W. Mfg. Co., rent of land....	15 50		
L. B. Brown, rent of hall and board of town officers.....	63 25		
Frank S. Plummer, rent of hall and board of town officers	40 00		
H. F. Hunt, board of town officers.....	18 50		
F. M. Rollins, cash paid out.....	20 44		
John Aldrich, "	13 26		
George W. Morrill "	8 25		
John P. Lane, referee trial..... ..	2 00		
E. D. Weeks "	13 80		
S. S. Ayer "	6 00		
F. A. Baker, horse hire	9 25		
Brown & Johnson, horse hire and feed....	49 75		
C. H. Sleeper, use of team and cash paid	5 25		
H. F. Rublee, repairs of lobby	4 90		
J. C. Brock, vote registers.....	2 13		
Cole Manufacturing Co , sundries.....	112 56		
D. B. Story, board of bridge men at Weirs	17 20		
Freight on lumber for bridge at Weirs....	5 00		
J. L. Odell, school books.....	5 40		
T. Dodge, box for fountain.....	5 25		
H. E. Emery, wood for lobby	3 50		
J. C. French, blanks....	1 25		
Grand Army Post, as per vote.	100 00		
S. C. Clark, office rent	12 00		
H. S. Curtis, sticking lumber.....	4 00	——	$953 49

RECAPITULATION.

Dr.

To cash received from all sources		$26,362 28

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By paid school orders	$3217 02	
State and county taxes	6468 08	
School district taxes	295 00	
Fire " "	1300 00	
Ministerial and Literary fund	82 60	
Firemen	1250 00	
Street lights	345 34	
Overseer of Poor	625 93	
Town notes	1002 96	
Damage to sheep by dogs	89 50	
Legal services	137 00	
Police "	343 75	
Highways and bridges	3625 65	
Breaking roads, winter of 1881–82	243 07	
Highways, summer of 1882	2414 23	
Breaking roads, winter of 1882–83	1752 56	
Town officers	1094 93	
Damages on highways	613 50	
Abatements	440 34	
Miscellaneous bills	953 49	
Cash in treasury March 1	67 33	
		$26,362 28

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,

MARCH 1, 1883.

LIABILITIES.

Amount due on notes	$9681 43	
due town of Laconia, as per report of Amos L. Rollins, referee	1101 20	
		$10,782 63

ASSETS.

Cash in treasury March 1, 1882	$67 33	
Due from old town of Gilford, as per report of Amos L. Rollins, referee	4487 95	
Due from Laconia district, as per report of Amos L. Rollins, referee	1101 20	
Due from town of Laconia—unadjusted	520 47	
" " " as per act of Legislature, June session, 1874	1460 20	
Due from S. S. Ayer, collector's list, 1882	1520 33	
R. H. Sanborn, " 1881	235 35	
" " 1880	44 63	
		$9437 46
Liabilities above assets		1345 17

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. WARD, *Treasurer.*

GEO. W. MORRILL, JOHN ALDRICH, FRANK M. ROLLINS, } *Selectmen of Gilford.*

GILFORD, March 1, 1883.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Gilford, having examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of said town, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

G. L. SLEEPER, B. F. DRAKE, JOHN B. HENDLEY, } *Auditors.*

The report shows that the sum of $3625.65 has been expended on highways and bridges, in addition to the $2414 for summer repairs, and almost $2000 for breaking roads, making a total of $8035.51 expended during the year under these three heads.

The average during the five previous years of the same three items was $4615.05. This increase of $3400 is accounted for as follows :

Rebuilding bridges at Lake Village.....	$1196 47	
Expended on Weirs Bridge.....	1877 51	
Excess tor breaking roads above average.....	800 00	
Total amount for extraordinary expenses..... ..		$3873 98
Estimate for completing Weirs bridge :		
Stone work	$300 00	
Grading	300 00	
Superstructure	1800 00	
Railing for approach and incidentals.....	222 49	
	$2622 49	
Amount already expended	1877 51	
Total cost of bridge (estimate).....		$4500 00
The average cost for the past five years has been :		
For repairing highways in summer....	$2416 00	
Breaking roads.....	1393 00	
Highways and bridges	1505 00	
		$5314 00

This large amount, annually raised and expended on our streets, should require more care and attention in its expenditure, and a regular system of drainage, grade, and repairs, especially in the Village, where its necessity is every year becoming more apparent. The condition of our streets and sidewalks is not very creditable to a candidate for City honors.

The experiment, in a neighboring town, of owning a team, and placing all the streets under one management, has proved a great success, not only in the improved condition of the streets, but in the economy of the system. A similar change in this village would no doubt be a great improvement.

The debts reported due from the Laconia District, and the old Town of Gilford, is in accordance with the report of Amos L. Rollins, Esq., the

Referee to whom the question in dispute was referred for settlement by vote of the town one year ago, and the separate accounts with these divisions of the town are now closed.

The indebtedness of the town, above assets, appears to be $1345.17 All bills presented up to March 1, have been adjusted and paid. There is a claim for alleged damages to the amount of $5000, for which suit was brought against the town a few days ago, on account of an accident said to have occurred March 2, 1877, from a defect in highway. It would be well to choose an Agent to defend this suit, or any other in which the town may become involved.

The amount of money that will be required for the current year is estimated as follows :

For Highways	$3000 00	
To complete Bridge at Weirs	2500 00	
For Current Expenses.....	5000 00	
Total,		$10,500 00

This amount makes no provision for paying any on the debt.

We would recommend that the sum of $2000 be appropriated for Summer repairs of highways, and $1000 for breaking roads, all to be raised in money and expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

A portion of the Winter highway money in the village could be spared for laying concrete sidewalks in some of the principal streets.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF POOR.

The Overseer of Poor makes the following report :

By cash received of the County of Belknap.....	$201 92	
of the Town Treasurer.....	625 93	
		$827 85

Which he accounts for as follows :

Paid State Industrial School, aid to H. O. Chick..	$78 00
Charles H. Sleeper, aid to R. K. Durrell....	6 00
Simeon Whiting, " "	7 75
H. M. Whiteman, " "	8 50
Moore & Roby, medical aid	1 00
Samuel W. Prescott, aid to Frank Jarvis	10 91
Moore & Roby, " "	3 00
Enoch Flanders, aid to Mrs. Harris.....	5 00
B. Wadley, " "	1 00
H. A. Jones, " "	6 00
Mrs. Fitzpatrick, aid to transient pauper.....	8 00
C. D. Robie " "	2 50
A. C. Chase, aid to Fannie Mason..... ..	22 50
Moore & Roby, " "	17 00
O. & O. W. Goss, aid to Fred Daniels.....	25 00
R. C. Blaisdell, aid to James Goss.....	39 00
Bridget Leavitt, for Katie Leavitt	137 07
C. E. Moulton, for Willie Moulton.....	143 00
John H. Kelley, aid to Henry Davis.....	40 00
H. A. Jones, " "	34 41
Daniel B. Colby, " "	4 25
B. Wadley, " "	2 25
John P. Smith, " "	1 71
Jewell Gove, " "	3 30
Betsey Dame, " "	1 50
E. M. Brown, " "	5 66
E. S. Hunt, " "	8 18
P. J. Frohock, " "	7 09
J. L. Frohock, " "	63

Paid E. D. Ward, aid to Henry Davis.....	$14 75	
Barton Munsey.....	6 00	
State Industrial School, for John H. Donovan	54 85	
Moore & Roby, aid to Mrs. G. W. T. Rollins	11 25	
H. E. Brawn, aid to Mrs. J. H. Mills.... ...	4 00	
Nellie Naddo, " "	12 50	
Geo. F. Roby, medical aid to Irving Frohock	15 00	
Fred C. Gilman, aid to Hannah H. Thurston	32 00	
W. G. Hall, aid to Mrs. J. H. Mills	1 50	
D. H. Munsey, for horse hire.....	27 25	
B. Wadley, cash paid out	18 54	
		$827 85

B. WADLEY, *Overseer of Poor.*

Gilford, March 1, 1883.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Gilford, having examined the foregoing accounts of the Overseer of the Poor of said town, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

G. L. SLEEPER,
B. F. DRAKE,
JOHN B. HENDLEY, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In conformity to the law and general custom, we present you with the following report:

SCHOOL HOUSES.

No improvement has been made in any of the school buildings. In some of the districts

"There might a more attractive site be found,
A more attractive building grace the ground,
Did pluck and public spirit more abound."

SCHOOLS.

The schools for the year past have generally been profitable; good progress has for the most part been made. Your committee has not been called upon for any special cases of discipline.

The teachers employed in Districts Nos. 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12, have taught in our schools in previous years successfully, and we are pleased to report a satisfactory degree of success the past year. All of them are good teachers. Some of them we are confident may rank among the best in the State. The teachers employed in Districts No. 3, 7 and 11 came to us well recommended, having had successful experience in other towns; we consider those schools fortunate in securing their services. Those employed in Nos. 2 and 4 were inexperienced. They labored faithfully, and we predict for them success.

TEACHERS.

We still deplore the disadvantage which our schools sustain from the present district system, in the frequent change of teachers. Six weeks or even six months is a short time to fully prove the worth yf a teacher.

In order to have good schools we must have good teachers. "The soul and life of the school resides in the teacher." We may be able to ascertain their intellectual qualification in the few hours required for the examination of a candidate, but it is only by seeing the result of that teacher's work in the school-room that we are able to judge of his or her fitness for

the work. We desire that our children may be educated in the broadest sense—morally, mentally and physically; that the whole nature may be drawn out and developed; to this end a teacher should be a person of broad and varied culture and high moral character, with an enthusiasm and love for the work. A good teacher should be a student,

> "For little way his learning reaches,
> Who reads no more than what he teaches."

It has been well said, what is to be sought is skill in suggesting points of thought; in questioning so as to lead the understanding on the way, and in placing the subject of study in a variety of lights and relations which may interest different minds.

PARENTS.

As has been frequently said in former years, your visits to the school-room stimulate the children and encourage the teacher.

By this means also you become acquainted with the methods of teaching and with the character of the person under whose influence and instruction you place your children. Your words of kindness and sympathy are a potent force in elevating the standard of our schools.

DISCIPLINE.

This must be the joint work of parents and teachers. The parents are solely responsible for the child's training during the first five years of its life. If this has been wise and judicious, the child will come to school with at least the habit of prompt obedience. Some maintain that the basis of the child's character is laid during this infantile period. This may be true, as it is generally conceded that character is moulded more by feeling than thinking. There should be mutual love and respect between pupils and teachers. Pupils should be taught self-respect. This is a potent factor in developing the power of self-government.

That boy was well taught who, when asked why he did not pocket some pears, for nobody was there to see, replied, "Yes there was; I was there to see myself; and I don't intend ever to see myself do a dishonest thing."

CONDITION OF DISTRICTS.

While we believe we can truthfully report the average amount of good work and progress in our schools as compared with former years, we cannot say that we believe the greatest good which might have been derived

from the money expended has been obtained. We believe the time has come when the old school districts should be abolished, or "the old lines rearranged and the number of districts sufficiently reduced to provide the way for a more judicious use of school money." If even two districts could unite their forces there would be great gain.

Hon. J. W. Patterson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in his last report says: "In almost every town there are schools which should be united, and where, with such a change, the present school tax should furnish the children longer and better schools, and pay for the transportation of the more distant to and from school."

We have eight districts where the number of scholars in each is less than twelve. The law provides "that in any district where the number of scholars to attend a term of school is less than twelve, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, the district may, by vote, authorize the prudential committee to provide for the attendance of the pupils at the schools of adjoining districts, the selection of such districts to be approved by the school committee of the town. and said prudential committee, in such cases may appropriate a sum not exceeding ten per cent of the school money for the conveyance to and from school of pupils living more than one and a half miles distant from school, the remaining money to be divided among the adjoining districts in proportion to the number of scholars who attend each district."

The descendants of the pioneer settlers of the town should have educational advantages more nearly approaching equality with the children in the villages How can our children otherwise compete with the foreign element growing up in our cities and villages? We should give this matter our candid consideration

The number of scholars enumerated by the Selectmen in April, 1882, is 417; of this number 224 are boys, 193 are girls. The number of enrolled scholars for 1881 was 403,—243 boys and 160 girls.

The following table includes what the law requires, as far as the teachers have reported.

DANIEL H. ROWE, *School Committee.*

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of District.	No. of Term.	Names of Teachers.	Wages per month, including board.	Weeks of Term.	Whole No. of Scholars.	No. of Boys.	No. of Girls.	Average attendance.	Reading.	Writing.	Spelling.	Grammar.	Geography.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Book-keeping.	History.	Composition.
1	1	*Emma L. Prescott	$24 00	6	10	6	4	10 1-2	10	10	10	1	6	9	1			
1	2	" "	24 00	16	13	8	5	11	13	13	13	2	7	12				
2	1	Ida B. Hoyt		4	10	4	6	8	10		10							
2	2	"		6	11	5	6	7	11		11							
3	1	Clara M. Smith	24 00	8	19	8	11	18	19	11	19	7	5	14	2	1		1
3	2	Nellie J. Durrell	22 00	8	11	4	7	6	11	8	11	5	2	10	2			
4	1	Frank W. Potter	24 00	10	8	3	5	6	8	8	8	4	6	7	3	1		
5	1	*Olive M. Bennett	24 00	8	24	13	11	21	24	6	23		15	18	2	6		8
5	2	" "	28 00	6	24	13	11	22	24	18	24	1	10	21	3	6		
5	3	" "	28 00	6 3-5	23	13	10	20	23	6	23	5	9	19	3	6		
6	1	†Mary A. Brown	26 00	15	17	13	4	14	17	14	17	2	6	13	1			
7	1	S. Ida Blaisdell	23 00	7	11	6	5	10	11	6	11		5	5				
7	2	" "	23 00	13	11	7	4	6	11	5	11	1	5	7				
8	1	Mary E. Bennett	30 00	10	17	6	11	13	17	6	15	6	7	15	1			
8	2	Joseph H. Blaisdell	32 00	12	15	7	8	13	15	7	15	6	7	14	1			
9	1	Laura E. Randlett	23 50	8	13	8	5	12	13	10	13	2	9	11	1	1	1	
9	2	Mary E. Bennett	29 00	12	15	8	7	12	15	12	15	2	9	11				
10	1	§Adella J. Folsom	25 00	8	4	2	2	3 3-5	4	2	4	2	1	3				
10	2	" "	25 00	12	7	4	3	5	7	7	7	2	2	5				
11	1	Carrie A. Smith	23 00	9	11	6	5	8	11	5	11	4	1	9	2			
12	1	Fannie A. Shannon	21 00	7	17	11	6	15	17	17	17	5	14	15				
12	2	" "	24 00	11	13	11	2	11	13	11	13	3	11	11		2		

* Graduates of New Hampton Institute.
† Graduate of Normal School.
§ Been a member of Normal School, Plymouth.

ROLL OF HONOR,

Including the Names of all Pupils who have been present every half-day of a Term, without being tardy.

DISTRICT No. 1.—*First Term.*—Ruth G. Flanders, Livonia G. Smith, Orin B. Fellows. *Second Term.*—Ruth G. Flanders, Ida B Ames, Livonia G. Smith, Vianna Smith, Oscar V. Rand, Fred A. Rand, Albert I. Flanders, George H. Johnson.

DISTRICT No. 2.—*First Term.*—Ida B. Ames, Emeline M. Carr, Mary A. Carr, Frank C. Carr, Edward Dolloff. *Second Term.*—Ida B. Ames, Emeline M. Carr, Mary A. Carr, Frank C. Carr, Jennie E. Buzzell, Fred Dolloff, Edward Dolloff, Grace B. Rollins.

DISTRICT No. 3.—*First Term.*—Percy C. Dow, George F. Frohock, Charles A. Rollins, Arthur D. Rolllns, Ada D. Grant, Ruth M. Glidden, Lizzie J. Glidden, Gertie B. Glidden, Dora E. Glidden. *Second Term.*—George F. Frohock.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Oscar D. Glidden, Charles H. Watson, Winnie F. Watson.

DISTRICT No. 5.—*First Term.*—Jamie A. Davis, Ansel F. Gove, Clara B. Gove, Carrie E Kimball, Millie L. Rollins, Isa M. Sanborn, Nellie A. Sanborn, Bell A. Spiller. *Second Term.*—Sadie E. Bean, Carrie E. Bean, Clara B. Gove, Hannah L. Bean, Isa M. Sanborn, Nellie A. Sanborn, Estella M. Parker, Carrie E. Kimball, Totie E. Bean, Earlie J. Sanborn, Ansel F. Gove, Wesley L. Davis, Millie L. Rollins. *Third Term.*—Wesley L. Davis, Ansel F. Gove, Earlie J. Sanborn, Clara B. Gove, Carrie E. Kimball, Millie L. Rollins, Estella M. Parker.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Nellie F. Sanborn, G. Elmer Sanborn.

DISTRICT No. 7.—*First Term.*—Bertie J. M. Libby, Herbert P. Merrill, Mamie A. Merrill, Laura B. Merrill, Gertie A. Plumer. *Second Term.*—Mamie A. Merrill, Laura B. Merrill, Herbert P. Merrill.

DISTRICT No. 8.—*First Term.*—Eva Crosby, M. Susie Eaton, G. Park Munsey.

DISTRICT No. 9.—*First Term.*—Natt H. Weeks, Leon E. Morrill, O. Burt Weeks, W. Stark Weeks, Charley O. Copp, Richard J. Boyle, Julia A. Weeks, Millie F. Weeks, Lizzie E. Weeks, Eliza A. Weeks, Mary C. Boyle. *Second Term.*—Julia A. Weeks, Millie F. Weeks.

DISTRICT No. 10.—*First Term.*—Walter S. Weeks, Hattie A. Bennett. *Second Term.*—George A. Jones, Walter S. Weeks.

DISTRICT No. 11.—John D. Colby, E. Jacob Frohock, Joseph M. Leavitt, Curtis Leavitt.

DISTRICT No. 12.—*First Term.*—Lulu Price, Ethie Price, Alice W. Follett. *Second Term.*—Alice W. Follett, Harvey A. Jewett,

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF DISTRICT No. 13.

To the Superintending School Committee of Gilford:

In submitting our annual report of the schools in District No. 13 of Gilford, we would say the school year commenced under unusually flattering circumstances. A corps of teachers whose ability and earnestness in their work had been tried and proved to be of the highest order; a larger amount of money to be expended than usual—these were circumstances which gave promise of a successful year. The first term was all we anticipated, but soon after the commencement of the second term the diphtheria broke out in the schools on Pear street. The Primary school suffered most. The teacher, Abbie L. Swain, was attacked by it at close of second week and was unable to resume her labors until near the close of the term. Her place was supplied during her sickness by Hattie Curtis and Ida Blaisdell. Many of the children were taken down with the disease and four died before the close of the term. The schools on Washington and School streets escaped sickness, and were successful, as usual. The third term, like the first, commenced with all the old teachers in their places; but sickness and death again interrupted. This time it was on the west side. The teacher of the Grammar school was obliged to close his school for several weeks on account of the sickness and death of his sister. The teacher o Intermediate school resigned at the same time, and his place was filled by Cora L. Heath, who also resigned at close of the second week. Her place was filled by Fred Hawkins, who completed the term. We regretted the necessity of having three teachers in a school during one term, but in the two instances referred to, it seemed unavoidable. Sickness and death are beyond the control of Boards of Education. If the mortality among the children has any lesson for us, it is the importance of better accommodations for our schools, where the children will not be so crowded in the school rooms, and where they will have plenty of pure air outside.

J. L. ODELL,
J. B. HENDLEY,
F. H. DAVIS,
FRANK M. ROLLINS,
C. L. PULCIFER,
O. GOSS.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Location of Schools.	Grade.	Teacher.	Salary per month.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	U. S. History.	Composition.	Language.	Algebra.	Book-keeping.	Arith. Problems.	Philosophy.	General History.
			SPRING TERM—12 WEEKS.																
Washington St.	Grammar.	C. L. Pulcifer.	$60.00	47	43	47	47	47	25	17	29		47	18	20	21	46		
Washington St.	Intermed.	L. M. Wetherbee.	36.00	39	34	39	39	39	39	39	7								
Pear Street.	Intermed.	Julia A. Davis.	36.00	48	41	48	48	48	48	47	15								
Pear Street.	Primary.	Abbie L. Swain.	32.00	55	43	55	55	18	55	18									
School Street.	Primary.	Mary A. Dicey.	32.00	69	53	69	69	21	37	18									
			FALL TERM—11 WEEKS.																
Washington St.	Grammar.	C. L. Pulcifer.	$75.00	42	40	42	42	42	24	18	23		42	19	14	6	40	8	15
Washington St.	Intermed.	L. M. Wetherbee.	36.00	35	33	33	33	33	33	33	7								
Pear Street.	Intermed.	Julia A. Davis.	36 00	52	45	52	52	52	52	51	15								
Pear Street.	Primary.	Abbie L. Swain.	32.00	46	40	46	46	25	40	16									
Pear Street.	Primary.	Hattie Curtis.	32.00	46	40	46	46	25	40	16									
Pear Street.	Primary.	Ida M. Blaisdell.	32.00	46	40	46	46	25	40	16									
School Street	Primary.	Mary A. Dicey.	32.00	65	53	65	65	21	43	18									
			WINTER TERM—8 WEEKS.																
Washington St.	Grammar.	C. L. Pulcifer.	$75.00	43	42	43	43	43	24		26	20	43		13	5	16	6	14
Washington St.	Intermed.	L. M. Wetherbee.	36.00	38	36	38	38	58	38	38	7								
Washington St.	Intermed.	Cora L. Heath.	36 00	38	36	38	38	58	38	38	7								
Washington St.	Intermed.	Fred Hawkins.	40.00	38	36	38	38	58	38	38	7								
Pear Street.	Intermed.	Julia A. Davis.	36 00	53	50	53	53	53	52	36									
Pear Street.	Primary.	Abbie L. Swain.	32.00	45	39	45	30	45	20										
School Street.	Primary.	Mary A. Dicey.	32.00	52	44	52	52	37	16										

Roll of Honor.

SCHOOL STREET PRIMARY.

SPRING TERM.—Willis Smith, Charlie Sanborn, Freddie E. Sanders, Isabel Campbell, G. Etta Downing.

FALL TERM.—Ella Whitcher, Louie Sweet, G. Etta Downing, Katie Campbell, Sarah Campbell, Isabel Campbell, Ernest Whitcher, Bertie Vittum, Willis Smith, Allie Peabody, Frankie Mudgett, Johnny Hughes, Arthur Kenniston, Charlie Hall, Errol C. Grant, Arthur Drew, Delphis Valier.

WINTER TERM.—Hattie Dearborn, Willis Smith, Lena Smith, Mortimer Buzzell, Allie Peabody. Joey Thyng, Fred R. Davis, Isabel Campbell, Arthur Kenniston, Bertha Burleigh, Harry Merrill, Bertie Mooney, Georgie Downing, Frankie Mead, Lura Dearborn, Errol Grant, Fred Sanders, Charlie Hall, Sarah Campbell, Willie Sheehan, Katie Campbell, Mabel Hall.

WASHINGTON STREET INTERMEDIATE.

SPRING TERM.—Laura B. Smith, Jennie A. Kyle, Minta B. Leavitt.

FALL TERM.—Laura B. Smith, Mildred W. True, Nettie J. Whitcher, James McLaughlin, Frank S. Peaslee.

WINTER TERM.—Mabel Jewell, Jennie A. Kyle, Minta B. Leavitt, James McLaughlin.

PEAR STREET PRIMARY.

SPRING TERM.—Bertie G. Clark, Oscar M. Moulton, Charlie L. Simpson.

FALL TERM.—Fred L. Sargent, Althea C Bruce.

WINTER TERM.—Joel E. Bean, Fred B. Brown, Bertie G. Clark, Frank E. Hall, Louis B. Martin, James H. Bowain, Oscar G. Smith, Earle A. Webster, Hannah L. Bean, Althea C. Bruce, Florence G. Badger, Jennie H. Clement, Mabel Hill, Nellie L. Merrill, Myrtie B. Smith, Alice M. Webster.

PEAR STREET INTERMEDIATE.

SPRING TERM,—Charles S. Gilman, Lewis B. Lamprey, Charles O. Smith, Annie M. Wood, Nellie M. Swain.

FALL TERM.—Lizzie M. Campbell, Nellie M. Swain.

WINTER TERM.—Walter D. Pickering, Willie E. Smith, Bertie Stevens, Alice G. Burnham, Sadie E. Bean, Carrie E. Bean, Lula A. Gilman, Nellie

Huntoon, Nellie M. Rowain, Mary A. Rowain, Nellie M. Swain, Annie M. Wood, Annie L. Whiteman, Charles O. Banfill, Leon O. Brown, Charles H. Dow, Charles S. Gilman, Frank E. Huntoon, Herbert E. Hall, EdgarHall, Allan Eugene Hill, Oscar Moulton.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

SPRING TERM.—John M. Cox, Oscar Drake. Edwin H. Smith, Orrie P. Walker, Annie M. Buzzell, Ella J. Clark, Cora E. Davis, Georgie B. Davis, Sarah Grant, Bertha S. Gray, Jessie M. Perkins, Emma E. Pike, Lizzie Sanders, Maud Whitten, Jesse E. Cox, Grace Griffin, Hattie A. Pulcifer.

FALL TERM.—Ben. J. Smith, Cora E. Davis, Nellie M. Gray, Lizzie Kelley, Emma E. Pike, Hattie Pulcifer, Bertha S. Rollins, Lizzie N. Sanborn, Jessie May Perkins, Maude F. Whitten, Gertie E. Foss.

WINTER TERM.—John Holahan, Walter B. Perkins, Oramal Walker, Dora M. Berdeen, Annie M. Buzzell, Ella J. Clark, Jessie E. Cox, Myrtie A. Drake, Nellie M. Gray, Rose E. Hutchinson, Alice R. Jones, Jessie May Perkins, Hattie A. Pulcifer, Lillie B. Robie, Lizzie N. Sanborn, Lizzie M. Sanders, Maude F. Whitten, Gertie E. Foss.